

Roads & ROW Members,

A reminder that our next meeting will be a week from today, Tuesday, August 7, at 4:00 p.m. at 2 Fairgrounds Road. I know how busy everyone is and will try to keep the meeting short.

The main business will be the election of officers for FY 2008. I am willing to continue as chairman, Charles Sayle III has offered to continue as Vice Chairman, and D. Anne Atherton has volunteered to serve as Secretary/Treasurer. Any other nominations will be accepted at the August 7 meeting.

I will request that the Secretary assemble all available minutes, annual reports, mission statements, meeting agendas, letters and correspondence and other committee records into a folder for placement with the Town Clerk and Selectman's Office. Copies should be available to Committee members and the public.

I will ask the Vice Chairman to make arrangements this fall to establish a presence for the committee on the Town's website which would include the information in the Secretary's file.

My focus, if elected chairman, will be to prioritize and refine the sixteen points in our ROW Improvement Plan, develop a list of measurable outcomes with a time table and list of what needs to be done for each section to pull this project together. My goal as chairman is to strengthen the Roads and ROW Committee, clarify and resolve outstanding ROW and public access issues in order to guarantee, in perpetuity, public access to Nantucket's moorlands, ponds, beaches, harbors, creeks, and other lands open to the public.

The opportunity this year is to focus community attention on road, right-of-way and public access issues. The Planning Office and DPW be will key departments in the design and implementation of our ROW Improvement Plan. I see the mid-winter period before Town Meeting as a possible target date by which to have a draft of the plan ready for presentation to the BOS/CC. Ultimately, the plan will take as long as necessary to complete.

I will send an updated agenda, if necessary, by next weekend for next Tuesday's meeting.

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